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Warning by Israeli security police defied as story told to British paper

Brother tells 'how woman abducted Vanunu'

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Meir Vanunu, the brother of alleged nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu, defied a warning by the Israeli secret service and passed information about his brother's "abduction" from Rome by Israeli intelligence agents to the Italian authorities, *The Sunday Times* reports today.

Meir Vanunu was reportedly warned by Israeli agents that details of Mordechai's abduction were state secrets and that he could face up to 15 years imprisonment for revealing them.

In the *Times* report, Meir Vanunu said "it was my duty to tell the Italian authorities what Israel did to Mordechai. The Italian government must protest to the Israeli government and do everything it can to get Mordechai back to Italy."

Meir Vanunu told the *Times* that because he had passed on the details of Mordechai's abduction it was unlikely that he could return to Israel in the foreseeable future.

This abduction reportedly took place a few days before the *Times* published last October Vanunu's revelations on the "secrets" of Israel's nuclear weapons programme. The

Times today is running the Vanunu story across the top of its front page under the headline "How Israeli agents snatched Vanunu."

According to Meir Vanunu, Mordechai was lured to Rome from London by a Mossad agent calling herself Cindy. She persuaded him, with the promise of sex, to accompany her to Rome on a scheduled flight. There she took him to a flat where he was attacked by two Israeli secret service men, and held down while she injected him with a powerful anesthetic. He was then chained and smuggled out of Italy to Israel in a cargo ship, Meir Vanunu claimed.

According to the story, said to be based on information given to Meir by Mordechai in jail and on details unearthed by a *Times* reporter, Vanunu had been under intelligence surveillance from the day last September when he arrived in London to pass his photographs and information relating to his work at the Dimona nuclear reactor to the *Times*.

As soon as Israeli authorities became aware of the story Vanunu was planning to sell, then-prime minister Shimon Peres ordered Israeli secret service men to get Vanunu back to Israel.

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Thousands in march against Sabbath film showings

By ANDY COURT

and JEFF BLACK

In what appeared to be the beginning of a major summer campaign, three thousand ultra-Orthodox demonstrators marched through the heart of downtown Jerusalem yesterday afternoon to protest against the screening of Friday night films at the Beit Agron cinema.

Police later had to use tear gas and clubs to disperse over 200 demonstrators who stoned passersby as the demonstration was breaking up near Mea She'arim.

Police also had to resort to force on Friday night to break up a confrontation between ultra-Orthodox and secular demonstrators outside of the Beit Agron cinema. Four people were arrested, according to Jerusalem police.

Towards evening yesterday Jaffa Road was inundated with men in black garb, roaring "Shabbos!" as tourists peered from hotel balconies and secular activists held up signs opposing religious coercion.

Large numbers of policemen were on hand to keep order, some on horseback and some manning a water cannon.

In spite of the isolated brawls and incidents of bottle-throwing, the march passed generally quietly until the end of the demonstration, when the crowd reached Rehov Straus and headed towards Mea Shearim.

After most of the crowd had already begun to disperse, a group of some 230 ultra-Orthodox men reportedly stoned passersby and police and attempted to vandalize the Histadrut building on Rehov Straus.

Police used tear-gas and clubs to restore order. Four people were

arrested, according to Jerusalem Police Chief Yosef Yehuda'i.

Late Friday night, police used tear-gas to break up a violent confrontation between 150 secular demonstrators and about 60 ultra-Orthodox men. The secular demonstrators, mostly from the Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam, charged the ultra-Orthodox protesters as they approached the cinema.

"Come, this is the army recruiting office," one of the demonstrators reportedly yelled at the ultra-Orthodox men, referring to the fact that many young ultra-Orthodox men receive exemptions from mandatory military service to study Torah.

"It's impossible to control this," MK Dedi Zucker (Citizens Rights Movement) said as the secular advance began.

As religious and secular protesters pushed and punched each other, the police fired tear-gas to separate them, and to get both groups to leave the area. One secular demonstrator was arrested.

"At the moment, this is an absurd situation," Yehuda'i said during yesterday's demonstration. "We're guarding a place that operates against the city by-laws."

City by-laws forbid the showing of movies on Shabbat, but the city's legal adviser has said that they do not forbid cultural events which include movies. For more than two months, the Beit Agron Cinema and Cinematheque have been giving lectures before their movies, thus making them cultural events. The municipality has said that Beit Agron, which is a commercial theatre, should have to close on Friday nights, while the Cinematheque, which is cultural institution, should probably be

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U.S. ships escort new Gulf convoy

MANAMA, Bahrain. — Three Kuwaiti tankers, flying the Stars and Stripes, and escorted by four U.S. warships, sailed up the Persian Gulf yesterday after a secrecy-shrouded departure and passage through the dangerous Straits of Hormuz.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei said if foreign warships attempted to raise tensions in the Gulf, "there will be clashes" in the waterway.

Gulf-based shipping companies, monitoring marine communications, said all reports as of late yesterday indicated smooth sailing for the convoy — the third under U.S. President Ronald Reagan's plan for reflagging Kuwaiti ships and protecting freedom of navigation in the vital oil waterway.

They said the American warships jammed Iranian radar and kept radio silence during the 5½-hour passage through the Straits of Hormuz, where vessels come within range of Iran's coastal anti-ship missile batteries. (Related story — page 4.)

An Iranian frigate approached the U.S. convoy, a correspondent on board a helicopter overflying the Gulf said.

Two U.S. warships approached the frigate and questioned its intentions over the radio.

The frigate's captain replied that it was patrolling in international waters of the Gulf.

The frigate was then seen taking a detour around the convoy but it continued for a while to follow the U.S. ships and Kuwaiti tankers northwards through the Gulf at a distance of five kilometres.

Iran said yesterday American warships in the Gulf are vulnerable and its forces were ready to crush a "probable" U.S. attack.

Teheran Radio said the Islamic



Police confront ultra-Orthodox demonstrators who marched through Jerusalem's Jaffa Road yesterday afternoon to protest against the showing of Friday night films in the city. (Rahamim Israeli)

Bus and taxi fares go up today

By JONATHAN KARP

For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. Public transport fares will rise today by about 16 per cent, in accordance with the government's plan to reduce subsidies. In addition, fares for sheruts and taxis will increase by an average of 10 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively.

The basic fare for a city bus will rise from NIS 1.50 to NIS 1.70, while previous NIS 1 fares will rise to NIS 1.20. Multiple-ride tickets are still valid at the former rates, the Transport Ministry said.

In Tel Aviv, the Dan Bus cooperative's number 4 line will cost NIS 0.70 during the day and NIS 0.75 at night.

A few of the new inter-urban bus fares are as follows: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, NIS 4.80 (up from NIS 4.10); Jerusalem-Haifa, NIS 8.50 (NIS 7.50); and Tel Aviv-Eilat, NIS 16 (NIS 14). Return tickets which have been used in one direction will remain valid at their current price until August 22.

Despite the fare increase, Egged has said that its previously announced one-way fare reductions on the four selected inter-urban lines are to remain in effect for the month of August.

The new sherut rates are as follows: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, NIS 5 (NIS 6.30 at night); Jerusalem-Haifa, NIS 9.50 (NIS 11.90 at night); and Tel Aviv-Haifa, NIS 5.80 (NIS 7.30 at night).

Transport Minister Haim Corfu last night said that prices for 1988 model cars would rise by between 5 per cent to 10 per cent, depending on their country of origin. Car importers are known to want a bigger price hike.

Shamir, Peres pin separate hopes in visit by U.S. envoy

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Prime Minister's Office hopes that Charles Hill, the U.S. Secretary of State's assistant who here today, will arrive with "some new ideas to bring forward the peace process."

Sources close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir were obliquely voicing Shamir's hope that Hill would not try to make yet another "futile" effort to persuade the prime minister to withdraw his opposition to an

international conference for Middle East peace.

The sources hope that Hill—who is recognised in Washington as the Likud's "favourite" channel to Reagan administration decision-makers—will present "new ideas" for launching what Shamir has for the past half-year advocated: a Middle East "mini-conference" comprising Israel, Jordan, Palestinians and Egypt, and possibly also the U.S.

Jordan has already repeatedly rejected the "mini-conference" idea as failing to meet its need for a full "international umbrella" under which it is willing to proceed towards negotiations with Israel.

At the Foreign Ministry, officials believe that Hill will have "nothing much" to talk about with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his aides. But they hope that Hill will try to provide Shamir with American

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Ex-president of Lebanon Camille Chamoun dies

BEIRUT (AP). — Thousands of mourners yesterday took turns carrying former Lebanese president Camille Chamoun's body from East Beirut to a church in the northern suburb of Antillas where his coffin will stay until a state funeral today.

Chamoun, 87, died of heart failure on Friday.

The Lebanese Forces militia called a seven-day general strike to mourn Chamoun who had headed



Camille Chamoun. (AFP)

the Lebanese alliance of Christian factions during the 12-year-old civil war against the nation's Muslims.

Chamoun was eulogized by Moslem as well as Christian leaders.

After his term as president Chamoun remained an influential figure. He held many secret and open meetings with Israeli officials.

In the 1970s, he supported Israeli air and ground strikes against Palestinian terrorists in south Lebanon. He also accepted arms and other help given the Christians by then premier Yitzhak Rabin and then-defence minister Shimon Peres.

In 1982, when the IDF invaded Lebanon and besieged Beirut, Chamoun declared that the operation was necessary in order to root out the PLO.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir, expressing his regrets over Chamoun's death, said that he was "the last real president of Lebanon" and noted Chamoun's readiness to maintain contacts with Israel.

'Iranians stabbed other pilgrims'

AMMAN (Reuters). — Pilgrims returning from Saudi Arabia yesterday said Iranian demonstrators stoned, stabbed and beat Saudi police and other pilgrims outside Mecca's Grand Mosque last week.

"The demonstration was the work of a mob—not for Islam or any other religion. Its aims were political," one pilgrim said on his return to the Jordanian capital.

In Cairo, where the first of 80,000 Egyptian pilgrims also returned yesterday, an eyewitness said the Iranians wanted to show Saudi Ara-

bia was unable to protect Islam's holy places.

"The Iranians spat and urinated inside the Moslems' holiest shrine," said an Egyptian woman, who made the pilgrimage with her husband.

Lebanese pilgrims returning to Beirut said police had fired automatic weapons into the air to try and disperse the demonstrators.

"I saw Saudi police shoot automatic rifles in the air, but not at the Iranians," a 40-year-old Sunni Moslem told Reuters.

A Lebanese Shi'ite woman said:

"Fist-fights broke out between Iranian pilgrims and pilgrims from other countries in the streets. Soon the [Iranian] demonstrators used knives, stones and glass."

"Saudi police intervened, using sticks. Many pilgrims were trampled when people became frightened and started to panic, running in all directions," she added.

Some pilgrims in Cairo said there had been limited skirmishes in Mecca on Friday between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi security men, but no one was hurt.

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Tuna recognized as kosher
Due to a technical error in Friday's article about the kashrut of tuna, the fact that Starkist tuna is recognized as kosher by the Israel Chief Rabbinate was deleted. A delegation of rabbis visited the company's plant in Puerto Rico last January, and supervised the production of a Starkist tuna shipment bound to Israel. These cans, bearing the supervision of the Chief Rabbinate and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, are still available in stores here.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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COPENHAGEN	12	16	22
FRANKFURT	11	15	21
GENEVA	12	16	22
HELSINKI	11	15	21
HONGKONG	28	32	36
JERUSALEM	19	23	27
LONDON	13	17	23
MADRID	14	18	24
MONTREAL	14	18	24
NEW YORK	19	23	27
OSLO	10	14	20
PARIS	15	19	25
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Continued hot and dry inland

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	44	20-33	34
Golan	23	22-38	38
Nahariya	85	23-30	30
Haifa Port	53	24-35	34
Tiberias	—	26	40
Nazareth	31	23-34	34
Afula	39	24-38	38
Shomron	32	24-34	34
Tel Aviv	76	25-32	31
B-G Airport	50	23-33	34
Joricho	34	29-44	44
Gaza	74	25-30	31
Beer Sheva	33	23-37	38
Eilat	14	31-45	44

Heat-stroke kills 110 Mecca pilgrims

ANKARA (Reuters). — Some 110 Turkish pilgrims died of heat-stroke during last week's pilgrimage to Mecca, the Turkish news agency reported last night.

The report said that the pilgrims had ignored warnings not to go out of their tents during the heat of the day.

Altogether 80,000 Turks made the haj to Saudi Arabia this year.

Reagan pledge on covert acts

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan gave Congress written pledges Friday on future covert activities, including notifying the intelligence committees when new operations are launched.

In a letter to the Senate Intelligence Committee, he promised to tell Congress of covert activities, including notifying the intelligence committees when new operations are launched.

He also said that the two congressional intelligence committees and the National Security Council should periodically review all covert activities.

Agam design chosen for Olympics poster

The South Korean Olympic Committee has chosen a design by Ya'acov Agam to adorn the official 1988 Olympics poster, a spokesman for the artist said last night.

The poster and all official Olympics publications will state that Agam is from Israel, she added.

A South Korean government official, who announced this to the artist at his Paris studio over the weekend, also purchased a number of Agam's works which will be shown at the Olympic village.

Agam's poster shows a circle in all colors of the rainbow, symbolizing the unity of all countries of the world. The circle also contains semi-circles representing the Korean national emblem.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

IDF encampment near Alfei Menashe to boost security

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IDF has set up an encampment along the road to Alfei Menashe, and begun groundbreaking work for an outpost on the hill from which a petrol bomb was hurled Thursday, injuring a couple from the West Bank settlement. Three additional tents were erected yesterday on adjacent hills.

The one-tent encampment near the road serves soldiers patrolling the Kalkiya-Alfei Menashe route, who will later be based at the outpost. Military sources said the round-the-clock presence of troops facilitates more frequent patrols and a swifter response in event of an attack.

Paths will also be cut to five locations on neighbouring hills overlooking the road. The areas will be leveled and used as day and night look-out points by motorized patrols along the road.

The sources said all the earthmoving work would be done in uncultivated land.

Several rows of trees in Arab-owned orchards were uprooted and a fence built along part of the highway in April after a petrol bomb attack which claimed the lives of Ofra Moses and her son Tal, of Alfei Menashe.

OC Central Command Amram Mitzna met on Friday with settlers at Alfei Menashe to discuss the latest security measures.

Alfei Menashe mayor Shlomo

Kattan said Mitzna praised the restraint of the community after Thursday's attack, but rejected Kattan's contention that the new security measures had been blocked previously by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin for political reasons.

Alfei Menashe settlers vandalised Arab orchards and fields after the attack on the Moses family, but the town's security officer, Nissan Mor, said Friday the community had full trust in the IDF, and felt safe following the latest security measures.

The victims of Thursday's attack, Menashe and Edna Regev, are still hospitalized.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, about 10 Kach party members assaulted a Palestinian in Hebron as they were making their way to Kiyat Arba from Sabbath services at the Cave of the Patriarchs. Military sources said the group was dancing and singing nationalist songs and had blocked a road when it encountered the Arab and began beating him. The group was dispersed by police, the sources said.

A boy from Akrah village south of Nablus was killed Friday and his cousin seriously wounded in an explosion of an artillery shell they handled while herding sheep in an IDF training zone. The body of seven-year-old Salah Fathi Bani-Jaber was brought Friday night to al-Intilad hospital in Nablus, where his cousin, Ali Mustafa Bani-Jaber, is being treated.

Non-religious mate no excuse for firing

The Jerusalem district labour court has ruled that a woman teacher in a state religious school, who was fired after she married a non-religious man, be reinstated.

Yehudit Amichai, who worked at the school in Ashdod since 1974, married in 1980. Soon after, Ministry of Education officials began moves to dismiss her.

An official in the ministry's manpower branch, Hagai Kosloff, approached the then-education minister, Ze'evulun Hammer, asking him to authorize the dismissal, but Hammer refused.

Kosloff and a ministry legal adviser, Ephraim Yiftah, then arranged to have authority in the matter switched to the ministry director-

general. To do this, they submitted an application to the then-attorney-general, Yitzhak Zamir, neglecting, however, to tell him the purpose of the transfer.

Zamir signed the authorization. Yiftah recommended to the ministry's director-general that Amichai be let go, and the woman was dismissed.

In its decision, the Jerusalem labour court severely criticized Kosloff and Yiftah. It said the dismissal was on religious grounds, and violated anti-discrimination laws.

The court ordered that Amichai be reinstated, and that the ministry pay her back wages as well as legal costs. (Itim)

Commander's brother also succumbs to heart disease

Ten days after the head of the naval commando, Aluf Mishne Uri Teitz, died of a heart attack while swimming, his brother, Sgan Aluf (res.) Arye Regev died of a similar ailment.

Regev, 52, had served in the paratroopers and was wounded in the

Yom Kippur War. The Defence Ministry sent him a short while ago to Belgium for a heart transplant.

Regev died in Belgium on Friday, according to unconfirmed reports, on the operating table. The Defence Ministry is arranging for the return of the body.

Palestinian solidarity felt on both sides of Green Line

Jerusalem Post Staff
Feelings of Palestinian solidarity have been gradually developing between the Arabs of Israel and those of the West Bank and Gaza since the Six Day War, according to a study recently completed by a Tel Aviv University researcher.

According to Dr. Eli Rekhess of the Dayan Centre, the repercussions of the renewed contact between the two communities have affected Israeli Arab nationalists, communists and Islamic fundamentalists alike.

But the Arab moderate camp was particularly influenced, he said.

These circles, Rekhess suggests, underwent an intensified process of Palestinianization. Under the impact of the West Bank and Gaza Arabs they began to emphasize their Arab "be-

longingness" and their Palestinian identity.

The study illustrates how Rakah, the Israeli Communist Party, played a decisive role in consolidating the national, as well as the cultural, sense of solidarity and cohesion between the Arabs in Israel and those in the territories. The party strongly relied on the local communist cadres. Its consistent struggle for civil and national rights in the West Bank and Gaza won the party the local population's esteem.

The rise of the Progressive List for Peace in 1984, however, put an end to Rakah's long-standing monopoly among Israeli Arabs.

The report is due to be published in the next volume of *Hamizrah Hehadash*, the Hebrew University's magazine on oriental affairs.



Cafe patrons on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda mall beat the heat on Friday afternoon with cool drinks, umbrellas and out-door air-conditioning.

Nissim and Kessar to have another go

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar are to meet tomorrow afternoon to resume the public sector wage negotiations, although the gap between the two sides remains as large as ever.

Kessar said on Friday that there was no going back on the implementation of a five-day work week in

the public sector, even if the present negotiations between the Histadrut and Treasury only result in a one-year wage deal.

Nissim, for his part, has maintained that a two-year wage agreement is a basic condition for the introduction of a shortened working week.

At tomorrow's negotiations in Jerusalem, the two men will be joined by the Treasury's chief wage

negotiator, Hillel Duda'i, and Histadrut trade union department head Haim Haberfeld.

Speaking at a meeting of the Histadrut's Labour Party faction on Friday, Kessar reacted sharply to the suggestion of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations — the employers' umbrella organization — that the issue of a five-day week be referred to a committee of experts and removed from the current negotiation agenda.

Kessar said that the establishment of such a committee would mean burying the issue until "the coming of the Messiah" and added, "After the struggle we've fought over this issue, there's no going back." The labour federation head also firmly rejected the employers' suggestion that the terms of the cost-of-living increment agreement be changed.

'Tiny stroke' won't derail Mayor Koch

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Mayor Ed Koch is expected to suffer no long-term effects from a "tiny, trivial stroke" he suffered on Thursday, according to his doctors.

He is expected to return to work later this week.

Koch, 62, New York's ebullient and controversial mayor, who has dominated politics here since his election in 1977, was rushed to the hospital in his limousine on Thursday morning complaining of slurred speech and dizziness. At first doctors said that Koch had not suffered a stroke, but a small spasm in a cerebral artery. However, after Koch experienced similar symptoms at night, doctors conducted a battery of tests at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital's neurological institute.

Dr. J. P. Mohr of the neurological institute said on Friday that Koch's stroke was "neurologically equivalent to breaking his toe" adding, "as far as we can tell, he is ostentatiously healthy."

Another doctor was quoted as saying that Koch "has the brain of a 28-year old."

Despite the encouraging reports from Koch's doctors, pundits here are asking whether the mayor's



Mayor Ed Koch at a year-end press conference, when he said 1986 had been "terrible" because his popularity suffered but that his administration had rebounded from the scandals that blackened its name. (UPI)

Galilee belle revived after 17 centuries

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — An unknown Belle of the Galilee, buried for 17 centuries, has emerged fair, fresh, and lifelike on a unique mosaic floor, uncovered last week at Tzippori in lower Galilee.

Her almost life-size portrait, picked out in tiny mosaic stones, with cheeks in four shades, from flesh colour to rouge, is the sole human likeness on the big, six-by-five metre floor uncovered in what is assumed to have been the ground floor of the palace or mansion of the Roman governors of Galilee in the second and third centuries.

The many other figures on the big mosaic are mainly of gods of mythology, principally Dionysus, all named in Greek. The gods, in 15 separate tableaux are all depicted in motion, which is rare in ancient mosaics.

The mosaic floor is the prize of

three seasons of excavations, completed on Friday, by a joint team of archaeologists of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Duke University of North Carolina.

The tel was once the most important city of Galilee, seat of the Roman governors and a major Jewish centre where the Sanhedrin officiated after the destruction of the Second Temple. For the last 17 years of his life it was the home of Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi, who compiled and edited the *Mishna*, second only to the Pentateuch in Jewish holy writ, at the beginning of the 3rd century.

The head of the Hebrew University team, Dr. Ehud Netzer, speculated that the woman depicted in the mosaic "may have been the guest of the governor in this very room, which from its position and size, must have been the reception hall."

Bronze Age port uncovered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's oldest known port city, dating back 5,000 years, has been uncovered at Tel Rami, south of Afula, by a Haifa University team aided by researchers and students from the U.S. and Europe.

The third season of digging at the site, which has just been completed, turned up a wide range of stone and clay tools, jewelry and weapons "showing that in the late Bronze Age, Tel Rami was an important sea traffic station," according to the leader of the dig, Dr. Michael Artzi, head of the university's Maritime Civilizations Department.

The settlement covered a wide area and included large houses and stores. The season's important finds

included a storehouse dating from 3,000 BCE, the first of its kind found in the country, as well as a sewage system.

Tel Rami flourished in the middle and late Bronze Age, according to Artzi, and served as a regional link for seas and land traffic.

The settlement's importance declined, he believes, towards the end of the second millennium BCE when rival ports, such as nearby Tel Dor, were developed. Its decline forestalled it being built over at later periods, which makes it a font of information on the character of the coastal settlements, shipping and trade of its period, as well as the changes of the water level and the coastline.

Orgy of noshing as Galei Kinneret reopens

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"On the house" took on new meaning last Thursday, with the reopening of the Galei Kinneret hotel in Tiberias. More than 1,300 people were treated to an orgy of food and drink, with supplies immediately replenished as soon as they were wolfed down.

Everyone who is anyone in Israel's tourism industry was there except Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and the senior members of his office. They had been invited, but Sharir preferred to go swimming on a small island off the Netanya coast.

The Galei Kinneret, known to be one of David Ben-Gurion's favourite vacation spots, had been getting a little seedy in comparison with some of its neighbours. So last year the Israel Resort Hotel group decided to close down the premises temporarily and give the hotel a thorough sprucing.

The cost was around \$2.4 million, some of which undoubtedly went to waste as careless guests trampled food into the carpets. Fortunately, most of the guests were milling on the outside terrace where they

couldn't do much damage. The terrace was thoroughly hosed down after the party, which began in the early afternoon and continued to the wee hours.

Outside buffers groaned with an assortment of more than 20 different salads and guests walked away from the barbecue stands with plates piled high with steak, kebab and shishlik. A giant cake balanced on a large plank floated in the swimming pool.

The waders' pool had been emptied of water to make room for a display of exotic fruits, some of which were so rare that even the food and beverage manager could not identify them. Several guests unashamedly dislodged the pineapples, wrapped them in paper serviettes and took them home.

Vegetarians, who usually have a tough time finding anything to eat at a barbecue, had free access to the hotel's dairy restaurant, where fish, salads, spaghetti and bourekas were piled on the buffet. Bar attendants in the lobby lounge were run off their feet by thirsty guests clamouring for something wet and cold.

On the hotel's private lawn, historian Elihu Cohen together with

musicians Shimon Cohen and singers Ophira Gluska and Uzi Hameiri presented a programme of nostalgic songs and anecdotes.

Those guests who weren't listening or eating, toured the sprawling hotel complex to inspect the new facilities which include a night club, tennis court, and exercise room, plus burglar-proof electronic safes in the guest rooms, and an intimate French restaurant.

Twenty years ago, the Galei Kinneret's general manager, Turkish-born Leon Franco, who started his hotel career in Israel as a floor sweeper for the Hilton chain, never dreamt that he would play host at such a lavish bash.

A large percentage of the hotel's guests were invited to spend the weekend free of charge. The overflow was accommodated by other hotels in the immediate vicinity. But even without the merry makers, Tiberias was full of vacationers. In former years Tiberias was a popular winter resort, but it was virtually closed for the summer because of the intense heat. That was before air conditioning.

In deep grief we announce the passing of our beloved mother

Dr. ROSETA SPITZ VAN-WEZEL

aged 80

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, August 9, at 3 p.m. at Hadarom cemetery in Holon.

Shiva at the Geiger home, 3, Rehov Hashita, Rehovot.

Rachel Garty-Spitz
Ruben Spitz
Selly Geiger-Spitz
and all the family

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

JANE ENGBERG

She bequeathed her body to science
The burial will be at a later date.

The Family
and Beit Kfar Hanassi

To my friends and acquaintances
Thank you for your written and oral condolences on the death of our beloved

GEORGE

Florence Wise

To Edna, Esther and Debbie
We grieve with you on the passing of our dear friend

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Another major bank pulls out S. Africa braces for miners' strike

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa, hit by the withdrawal of one of its biggest overseas investors, prepared for a bitter and potentially damaging strike by 200,000 black mineworkers, due to begin today.

Britain's Standard Chartered announced Friday that it was selling its 39 per cent stake in South Africa's second biggest bank, Standard Bank, to local interests for 715 million rand (\$340 million).

Standard Chartered, the last foreign bank with a major shareholding in South Africa, was joining a long list of multinationals which have quit the country in the past two years, citing poor economic prospects and slow apartheid reform.

Previous disinvestments include Britain's Barclays Bank and U.S. companies General Motors, IBM and Xerox, who all faced heavy pressure from anti-apartheid campaigners.

Analysts said the withdrawal of such a well-known name would be a psychological blow but would have

no adverse effect on the South African economy, at least in the short term.

The miners' strike poses a greater threat to an economy heavily dependent on minerals.

The black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) says at least 200,000 miners at 46 gold and coal mines will stage the biggest strike in the industry's history to back demands for better pay and conditions.

The NUM, South Africa's biggest trade union, on Friday took the extraordinary step of telling its members to leave mine hostels once the strike begins.

NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa said employers had failed to give assurances that they would not call in police to break the strike or cut off food supplies to strikers.

The 700,000-member Congress of South African Trade Unions warned yesterday that government interference in the mineworkers strike could lead to sympathy walkouts in other industries.

Up to 100,000 migrant workers could flood back to their homes in neighbouring states, setting the scene for possible confrontation with the government, keen to avoid disruption.

Meanwhile, one of South Africa's most outspoken newspapermen, Anthony Heard, is to be replaced as editor of the *Cape Times* newspaper in Cape Town, the newspaper's owner, Times Media, said Friday.

Cape Times journalist Tony Weaver, regional vice-president of the South African Society of Journalists (SASJ), said Times Media management had "buckled to government, police and right wing pressure."



The general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, Cyril Ramaphosa. (AFA)

More violence in Philippines as cabinet minister buried

MANILA. — President Corason Aquino joined mourners yesterday at the burial of a slain cabinet member, and her defence secretary was quoted as saying the country faces a graver crisis than in the months before martial law.

Meanwhile, the violence that Aquino calls the gravest challenge to Philippine democracy continued with a grenade attack in the home of a Cebu City business leader and the fatal shooting of a soldier in suburban Pasay City.

A six-wheeled, flatbed truck, bedecked with white daisies and two Philippine flags, carried the body of

local government secretary Jaime Ferrer, 70, slain a week ago, from St. Andrews Church in Paranaque to the Manila memorial park.

And in Marawi, unidentified gunmen abducted 11 university teachers and students near the kidnapping-prone Moslem city, military officials said yesterday.

Four men boarded a minibus packed with people from the Mindanao State University campus on Friday and uncovered their guns on the way to nearby Iligan City, taking the driver along as a hostage, they said. (AP, AFP)

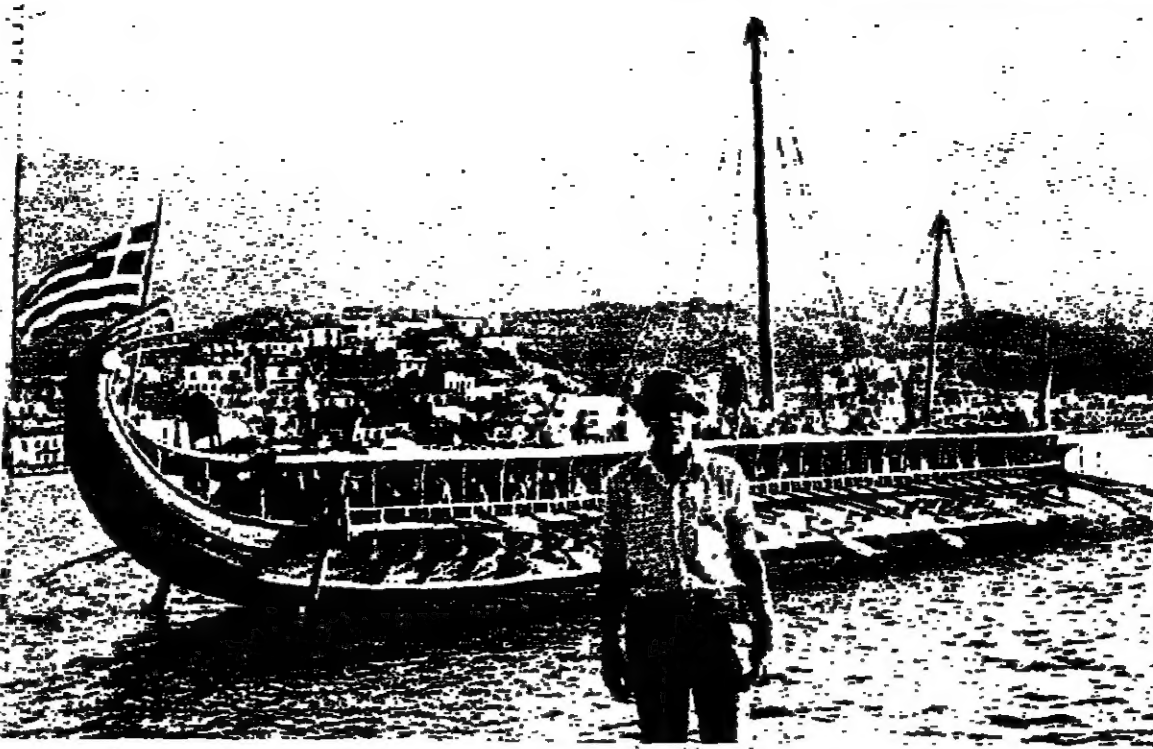
Shepherd becomes a president

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The president of the Soviet Central Asian republic of Kirgizia has been retired and replaced by a collective farm shepherd, Tass news agency said.

Tass said Temirbek Koshoyev, 56, had retired on a pension for health reasons after serving as the republic's president — the highest state office but a largely ceremonial post — since January 1981.

The news agency described his successor as T. Akhatov, a senior shepherd of a collective farm in the east of the republic.

The changes took place at a meeting of the Kirgiz Supreme Soviet, or parliament, and discussions centred on continuing corruption in Kirgizia, where the party leadership has been under attack from Moscow for failing to stem economic stagnation.



A replica of a 5th century BCE Greek warship is to be "launched" at the island of Porros on August 26 at a ceremony attended by the Greek president, Andreas Papandreu. The vessel was designed by a British naval architect, John Coates, above, and a former Cambridge professor of Greek, John Morrison. The replica is 35.7 metres in length and will be manned by 170 rowers — including 40 women — most of them British. (AFP)

Proposal to bar interference by 'outsiders'

C. America peace pact signed

GUATEMALA CITY. — Five Central American presidents have signed a pact designed to end domestic insurgencies that have made the region an arena for superpower rivalry. But rebel groups have not yet said whether they will comply.

The success of the fragile 11-point plan depends on the willingness of U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels and leftist guerrillas in El Salvador to lay down their arms.

The agreement, signed Friday by the presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, also fails to set terms for verification and arms limitation in the region — a longstanding stumbling block to peace.

The pact calls for a cease-fire within 3½ months in the Nicaraguan and El Salvador civil wars, reconciliation between those governments and their opposition groups, steps to assure democracy throughout Central America, an end to outside aid to rebel forces and an end to the use

of any country's territory by rebels to destabilize another country.

It gives the five nations' foreign ministers 90 days to complete the difficult task of working out details of these provisions and "rules...of compliance."

President Vinicio Cerezo of Guatemala hailed the document as a "historic achievement" during a signing ceremony in the ornate national palace that closed the five leaders' two-day summit.

The other presidents made no comments.

After the ceremony, they walked with their delegations to the metropolitan cathedral a block away for a Roman Catholic mass. A scheduled news conference by the leaders was cancelled without explanation.

In Washington, the Reagan administration reacted cautiously on Friday to the peace agreement, saying it would have no comment until it analyzed the text.

"We are anxiously awaiting de-

tails of this agreement," said White House spokesman Roman Popaduk. "After we have received it and have had a chance to analyze it we will be in a position to comment."

The five leaders set aside a proposal by President Reagan, a staunch supporter of the rebels fighting to overthrow the leftist Nicaraguan government, and signed an accord that seemed to put less immediate pressure on Nicaragua to hold democratic elections open to all including the rebels.

Reagan's plan called for a cease-fire and democratic reforms in Nicaragua in 60 days including a timetable for open democratic elections.

The Reagan administration already has supplied \$100 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras rebels this year. Officials say it will ask Congress for a further \$150 million for the last 18 months of the Reagan presidency if the Reagan peace plan is turned down. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. reports Soviet has new mobile missile

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Soviet Union is believed to have begun deploying long-range strategic nuclear missiles that can be launched from railroad cars anywhere on the Soviet rail system, the *Washington Post* said yesterday.

It said U.S. officials believed the new SSX-24, the world's first mobile rail missile, might complicate future efforts to verify Soviet compliance with arms control agreements.

The officials agreed the new Soviet missiles have been moved on railroad cars from a factory but disagreed on whether the missiles were fully operational, the newspaper said.

The SSX-24, under development for more than a decade, can carry up to 10 independently targetable nuclear warheads, the paper said. It has

a range of about 10,000km., which would enable it to hit most U.S. military targets when fired over the northern Polar region.

In Moscow, Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Friday called for greater understanding between Americans and Russians in the age of nuclear arms, saying Washington should realize the two countries were interdependent.

"We must now think more about how we will live together in the future, about how we will cooperate," Gorbachev told a visiting group of U.S. Russian-language teachers.

Moscow was prepared to work with any U.S. administration, he said, although the two countries sometimes disagreed and he and Reagan had criticized each other publicly.

France tightens rules for admission of foreigners

PARIS (Reuters). — Foreigners wishing to visit France for less than three months will in future have to prove they have enough money for their trip, the Interior Ministry announced yesterday.

When applying for short-term entry visas, they will have to produce return train or plane tickets, proof of their address while in France and bank references, according to the

decree detailed in the government's official journal.

The new measure will not apply to visitors from European Community (EC) countries or from non-EC neighbours such as Switzerland and Austria, the journal added.

"It will be an extra way of fighting illegal immigration," French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said.

Sri Lanka rebels slow to give up arms

COLOMBO (AP). — Sri Lanka released 291 Tamils from jail yesterday and sent them home by an Indian naval ship under a peace accord calling for amnesty and arms surrender.

Some of the Tamils released from the Boosa camp at Galle Port claimed they had been beaten and tortured, the United News of India (Uni) said.

The Sri Lankan government would not let journalists visit the camp, 105km. south of the capital, to witness the release, but the Indian government arranged for Indian journalists to be aboard the ship and interview prisoners.

About 5,000 Tamil political detainees are being held in camps and jails around the country. They are to be released as Tamil separatist rebels surrender their arms.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told AP yesterday. "We cannot release the main suspects because the guns are not being surrendered."

Some government and military officials say militants are refusing to surrender their weapons, but the Indian high commission said arms are being surrendered without any hitches.

"But members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students are yet to send their field commanders to districts outside the Jaffna peninsula to arrange for surrender," an official at the Indian high commission said.

He predicted the surrender would gain momentum "within the next few days."

The Tigers, the major rebel group, began turning in their weapons last Wednesday at Palali air base on the northern peninsula — two days after the deadline set in the July 29 peace accord, but both countries said some delay was likely because of logistical problems.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa yesterday criticized the peace accord signed by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

"I have always said that without outside help (from India), Tamil terrorism would never have reached the levels it has, going by the type of arms being displayed," he told a public meeting.

Premadasa, known as a hardliner on the Tamil question, added: "I have said we can solve the problem of Tamil terrorism only if India dismantles terrorist bases in that country. And see what has happened now: we have received Indian assistance and terrorism is ending. I have been proved correct," he told a cheering crowd of Sinhalese.

Tamil militants waged guerrilla war for four years for a homeland independent from the island nation's Sinhalese Buddhist majority.

The surrender of weapons by Tamil rebels, meanwhile, was reported going slowly. But government officials said they were confident most militants would abide by the Indian-brokered accord. (AP, AFP)

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Congress okays increase in U.S. national debt

WASHINGTON (AP). — Congress on Friday approved an emergency increase in the U.S. national debt ceiling and prepared to recess for the summer. The Senate, by a vote of 51 to 39, followed the House of Representatives in passing a bill increasing the Treasury's borrowing to \$2.35 trillion through September 23. The House action was by voice vote.

The stopgap bill was needed because a previous interim debt measure expired earlier Friday. Stripped of its borrowing authority, the Treasury suspended sales of U.S. savings bonds and the government faced default by mid-August.

Velazquez canvases found behind cupboard

TAURIANOVA, Italy (Reuters). — Three stolen canvases painted by 17th century Spanish artist Diego Velazquez have been discovered hidden behind a cupboard in the home of an Italian photographer, police said Friday. The most important of the three works, a painting of St. Luke the Evangelist, is valued at about 1.5 billion lire (\$1.1 million), they said. The other paintings represent St. Matthew and St. Mark. The three works were stolen from a village church in northeast Sicily six years ago, they said.

Armenian memorial rejected by Congress

WASHINGTON (AP). — A congressional proposal to declare April 24 a "National Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide from 1915-1923" was rejected on Friday after it encountered severe opposition from Turkey and Secretary of State George Shultz. The House of Representatives voted 201-189 to kill the measure, which opponents had charged would needlessly embarrass Turkey, a crucial NATO ally.

"Our country has major national security interests in this relationship," Shultz said in letters sent to each representative this week.

Six arrested for China forest fires

BEIJING (Reuters). — Six workers have been arrested for starting the forest fire that killed nearly 200 people in north-east China earlier this summer. Seventeen local officials face charges in connection with the fire, the official news agency Xinhua reported Friday night.

The four-week blaze ravaged huge areas of the province near the Soviet border for four weeks in May and June, killing 193 people and injuring 226.

PLO office in Libya

AMMAN (AP). — Libya has formally invited the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to reopen an office in its capital Tripoli, informed Palestinian sources said here yesterday.

Tripoli closed the PLO mission in 1983 following a revolt within the organization led by the Libyan-backed forces of Colonel Abu Musa. But Libya has in recent months been involved in a bid to reconcile different factions within the PLO.



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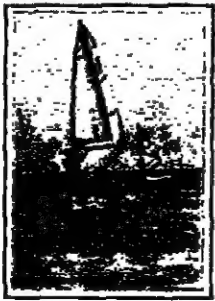
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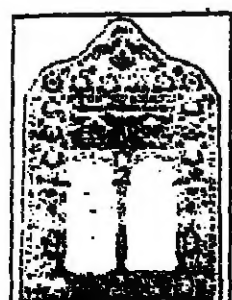
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U.S. intelligence reports that China is Teheran's No. 1 weapons supplier

Iran can still buy most of the arms it wants

By NORMAN BLACK

WASHINGTON. — Iran has bought arms valued at roughly \$1 billion so far this year and its arsenal of Silk-worm anti-ship missiles may now total as many as 100, U.S. intelligence sources said on Friday.

The sources said top Defence Department officials were recently provided with a new assessment of Iranian arms purchases for the period of January through July.

The assessment continues to list China as the largest supplier of major weapons systems to Iran. The sources added, however, that there is now some evidence that in the face of American pressure and publicity China may be reducing its dealings with Iran.

China has denied the weapons sales.

But through the first seven months of the year, China's arms sales to Iran totalled roughly \$400 million, the sources said. The deliveries included new supplies of Chinese-built Silk-worm missiles along with multiple rocket launchers, artillery pieces, and anti-aircraft missiles.

The second leading supplier continued to be North Korea, the sources said. That country provided arms worth about \$250 million, including artillery pieces, ammunition and Soviet-designed Scud surface-to-surface missiles.

Warsaw Pact allies of the Soviet Union provided about \$200 million in arms during the seven-month period, primarily small arms and

rifles, ammunition and transport trucks, the sources said.

Two U.S. European allies — Portugal and Spain — were next on the list, providing an estimated \$150 million in munitions and components for Iran's domestic arms industry, the sources added. The shipments from those two countries apparently included machinery components, the officials said.

The sources declined to characterize the latest estimate of arms shipments as representing any significant increase compared with recent years. Rather, they said the report merely buttressed earlier indications that Iran can still acquire most of the weaponry it wants.

The process of estimating arms

purchases is difficult. But U.S. and western sources believe Iranian purchases have approached \$3 billion since the Iran-Iraq war began in 1980.

The most troubling finding in the latest report, the sources said, is the evidence of new Silk-worm deliveries. Earlier this year, U.S. intelligence agencies concluded Iran had about 20 of the missiles. That total was increased to around 48 early this summer and has now been revised upward again, the sources said.

The Silk-worm, based on an older Soviet design, is built by China as a mobile missile that can be fired from land against ships. The missile has a range of roughly 80 kms. and is considered by the Pentagon one of

the biggest threats to U.S. convoys in the Gulf.

According to the sources, Iran has established launch positions for the Silk-worms in at least three areas overlooking the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow entranceway to the Gulf. From those locations — on the island of Qeshm and on the mainland at Sirk and Kūhestak — Iran can threaten any ship moving through the strait.

The sources said on Friday that Iran is also believed to have moved some of the new Silk-worms into the northern part of the country — closer to Kuwait — but they declined to identify the location.

According to Pentagon officials, Iran has made no move to actually

deploy and fire Silk-worms at ships plying the Gulf.

During the most recent U.S. convoy operation, Iran was detected moving some of its truck launchers into position and Navy EA-6B electronic warfare planes were ordered to begin jamming the radar frequencies that would be used by the launchers.

But that move was taken as "a precaution" and Iran never attempted to load or activate any of the missiles, the sources added.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said the U.S. reserves the right to attack the missiles as a defensive measure if American forces determine Iran is about to fire any of them.

(Associated Press)

Political overtones to Uruguay's missing

By CLAUDIO PAOLILLO

MONTEVIDEO. — Felix Ortiz, a member of Uruguay's then-legal Communist Party, disappeared on September 16, 1981. Omar Paita joined the ranks of Uruguay's missing five days later and Fernando Miranda vanished on November 30, 1975.

The Ortiz, Paita and Miranda families, and thousands more across the country, were given hope of hearing from their loved ones when a December 1986 law ordered the government to provide relatives with "clarifications" on the fate of the missing within 120 days.

But the first official report on those who disappeared during the 1973-1985 military regime, released on Friday, frustrated any such hopes: it simply concluded that "there is no proof" that anyone was captured by security forces.

Relatives and human rights organizations complained that the investigation was directed by army prosecutor Juan Sambucetti. A relative of one missing man called the government inquiry "a joke."

One human rights group announced plans on Friday to demand a fresh start, arguing that Sambucetti's military affiliation made his findings "invalid."

"Obviously, disappearances can result from multiple reasons other than those suggested by the plaintiffs," Sambucetti's report declared. The report comforted the Ortiz family with such insights as that the navy and the air force "denied" that they had detained Felix Ortiz.

The army, meanwhile, said that "due to the time elapsed, it is impossible to determine which units realized operations on the indicated date, or what the outcome of those operations was."

In the case of Paita, who family members said has been missing since September 21, 1986, Sambucetti said security forces "did not successfully undertake anti-subversive operations on September 21 and 27" of that year.

Both Ortiz and Paita were members of the Communist Party of Uruguay.

Miranda's son, Javier, had reported that his father was captured by a group of people in civilian clothes who claimed to be part of the military.

(Agence France Presse)

Aborigines turn militant over Australian racial injustice

By ROBERT WOODWARD

SYDNEY. — A High Court judge wept as he listened to harrowing accounts of racism against Aborigines in Australia's outback towns.

"I have been to Soweto in South Africa, to German concentration camps, but this is my own country," he exclaimed after trudging through ankle-deep mud to inspect 40 hovels, home to 500 Aborigines in the Toomelah settlement in New South Wales.

Australians, gearing up to celebrate 200 years of white settlement, are facing the unpalatable truth that colonization had done little to improve the lot of the continent's only indigenous people.

Most white Australians acknowledge that prejudice against the 160,000 Aborigines is rife. Unlike recent arrivals from Asia and Europe, Aborigines have never been integrated into the population.

But until recently the country had preferred to gloss over the Aboriginal problem.

A recent cartoon strip in the Sydney Morning Herald summed up prevalent attitudes among young Australians, many of whom are quick to accuse foreign governments of oppression.

A young couple, reading about conditions at Toomelah over breakfast, agree it's awful, a disgrace — "Sometimes I feel so ashamed to be white."

They weep into their hands for two frames. "There, I feel much better for that," says the man. "Croissant?" asks his partner.

However, such people are being forced to take notice as a new militancy among Aborigines has led to fears of bloody warfare in some bush towns and disruption of the bicentennial celebrations.

The militants' spokesman is Aboriginal lawyer Michael Mansell, who caused a furore earlier this year when he attended a conference of "revolutionary forces" in Libya.

On his return Mansell demanded negotiations on sovereignty for Aborigines, a legislative programme to overcome discrimination and the scrapping of bicentennial celebrations.

Mansell warned that if nothing positive happened within the next few months he would feel justified in returning to Libya and seeking funds for Aboriginal groups.

The injustices faced by Aborigines, who make up one per cent of the population, were given a nationwide airing during last week's investigation by the Australian Human Rights Commission into living conditions at Toomelah.

The settlements, normally located in outback areas, were created by the government over the past 20 years to cater for the Aboriginal way of life. They were intended to allow Aborigines to maintain their tradi-

tions while providing opportunities to integrate with the rest of the community.

Justice Marcus Einfeld listened to four days of evidence from local people about the background to a riot last January when 100 Aborigines crossed the border into Queensland and swept through the town of Goondiwindi.

Aborigines told of raw sewage collecting in open ponds, 80 per cent unemployment, running water limited to 30 minutes a day and chronic overcrowding.

This neglect shocked Einfeld. "There may not be high fences or SS guards around Toomelah but if you live in a house with 21 others, cannot get out of town because the road is impassable, or cannot get work, you live in a prison," he said.

But it was the evidence of unbridled prejudice by local white people that triggered the judge's tears.

Goondiwindi high school reserved a "blackie's" blackboard for Aborigines and young Aborigines were seated separately from whites, pupils said.

One former teacher told of white children naming their favourite weekend sport as "Nigger Hunting." "It's shameful. Other Australian people wouldn't tolerate it," Einfeld said.

Similar sentiments were expressed



An aboriginal family in the Australian outback — a human rights commission is investigating the conditions of the country's only indigenous population. (Shmuel Zach)

by civil rights organizations concerned over 35 Aboriginal deaths in jail since 1983.

"If this number of whites died in custody, there would be a major scandal," said Vanessa Forrest, spokeswoman for the Committee to Defend Black Rights.

Last month the government acted

to quell mounting disquiet by setting up a government inquiry.

Three Supreme Court judges will investigate the deaths of 15 young Aborigines, many the worse for drink, who died within hours of incarceration over the past eight months.

Federal politicians warn that in-

creasing Aboriginal militancy could lead to a bloodbath in some outback towns.

"The hatred in these places is unbelievable and many whites already live in fear they will be bashed or robbed," said David Connolly, opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesman. (Reuters)

Daredevil Rust learns about life in Lefortovo

MOSCOW (AP). — The West German teenager jailed for landing his plane in Red Square eats buckwheat for breakfast, exercises daily, showers weekly and is forbidden to read any newspaper but Pravda, a western diplomat said Thursday.

Mathias Rust is "optimistic, in good spirits and healthy" after more than two months in Moscow's Lefortovo prison, where he awaits trial on charges that could keep him in prison for a decade.

A diplomat with access to information about Rust's imprisonment provided a glimpse of life behind the bars of the KGB prison on condition that he not be identified.

Rust has been a prisoner since the night of May 28, when he piloted a single-engine plane from Finland through some of the most tightly-guarded airspace in the world to land in Moscow's Red Square at the foot of the Kremlin wall.

The daredevil stunt captured worldwide attention, made Rust a hero in his homeland and prompted embarrassed Kremlin leaders to send their defence minister into retirement and fire the chief of air defences.

The source said Rust's cell is lit 24 hours a day, and guards check on him every half hour through a peephole in the cell door. Like all prisoners, he is required to sleep with his hands outside the covers and face exposed.

A prisoner is permitted contact only with his cellmate and the interrogator assigned to his case, the source said. Prisoners are ordered to turn their faces to the wall when other prisoners approach.

"For some prisoners, the interrogation period is welcome as at least a chance for conversation, coffee and a laugh," the diplomat said.

The diplomat said Rust's visitors are always accompanied by the officer investigating the case, a translator and a note-taker.

There are indications Rust has a Soviet cellmate.

Rust is believed to get about an hour of solitary exercise daily on the roof of the prison. Otherwise, he leaves his cell only for interrogations, twice-monthly visits and weekly showers, the diplomat said.

The only newspaper Rust is allowed to get is Pravda, the Communist Party daily. But Rust cannot read it because he does not know Russian, the source said. West German Embassy officials have brought Rust books in German, letters, cookies and candy, the diplomat said.

White alliance weakened in Zimbabwe

By LOUIS-MARIE TATTEVIN

HARARE. — Zimbabwe's white minority is on the verge of losing its reserved seats in parliament, in a development presaging the end of the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe (CAZ), whose founder, Ian Smith, defied the world during 15 years of unilaterally-declared independence.

Information Minister Nathan Shamuyarira, in a press conference on Friday, said the seats would be scrapped by the end of August, under the constitution adopted by Zimbabwe when it became independent in 1980.

Zimbabwe's white population — currently numbering 100,000, compared with 8.5 million blacks — was reserved 20 seats in the 100-seat National Assembly, and 10 out of the 40 seats in the Senate, as part of an effort to prevent a white exodus from the country. The government is permitted to change this provision

seven years after independence. Another constitutional change, calling for the creation of a presidency with executive powers, will also be launched in the near future, Shamuyarira said.

He was speaking after a meeting of the Central Committee of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), whose leader, Robert Mugabe, is also prime minister. Zimbabwe's president, Canaan Banana, has only figurehead powers.

Speculation about the future of the whites' seats rose sharply last week when four parliamentarians in the CAZ — formerly the Rhodesian Front — resigned from the party.

The four — MPs Shaw Dyson, Dennis Johnson and Graham Biffen and Senator Costas Haitas — have not as yet crossed the floor to join Zanu, as Charles Duke did last year, the first CAZ member to do so.

But their departure was a bad

blow to a party already weakened by the year's suspension from the house meted out in April to Smith for remarks he made in South Africa that were hostile to government policy.

At 67, Smith is as abrasive as ever. Regularly accused by the authorities of being racist, he has become an open embarrassment even to his political friends.

He had accordingly to relinquish the party leadership in May, making way for Mark Partridge, a loyal but less rumbustious lieutenant.

Where Smith would not or could not, Partridge has promised to make contact with Mugabe to discuss the future of CAZ after the 20 white seats are abolished. CAZ has 10 MPs left, out of the 15 elected in 1985.

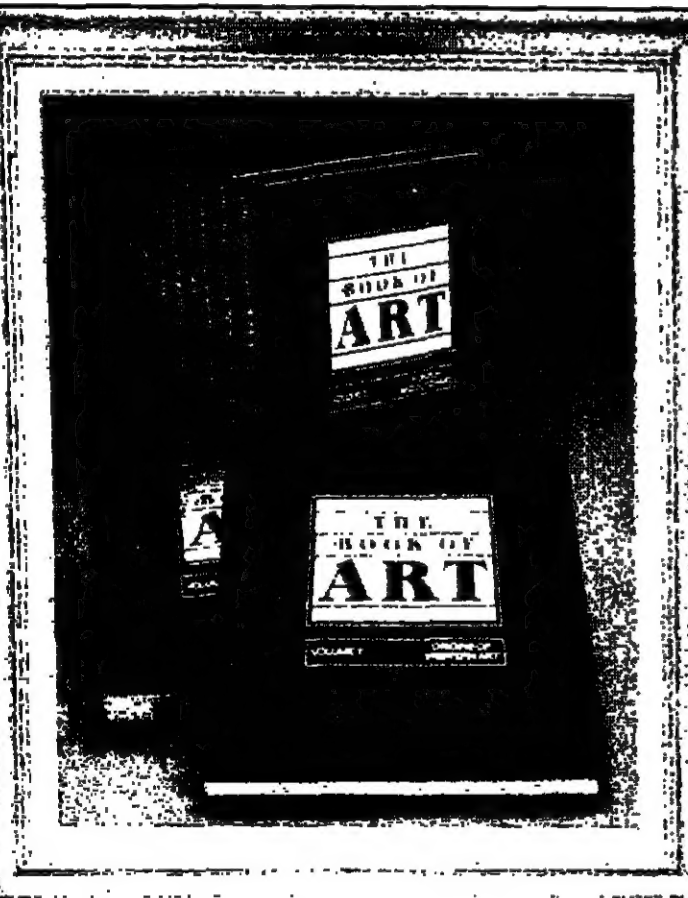
Three months after the change of leadership, no such contacts have been announced. There is general agreement among political analysts that some whites could preserve a

political role as individuals, but it is hard to see how the alliance might survive.

All the more, given Mugabe's avowed aim of installing a one-party state. On this issue, Shamuyarira said the Zanu leaders had discussed the possibility of resuming reunification talks with the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) of Joshua Nkomo.

Nkomo and Mugabe, who led separate guerrilla factions in the war against Smith's regime, have been at odds ever since independence. Talks aimed at creating a single party broke off early this year, with each side blaming the other.

The official media, for whom opposition to the government is generally labelled as a crime against development along the lines of *les-majesté*, have stated frankly that any white MPs in the future system would have to enjoy Mugabe's confidence. (AFP)



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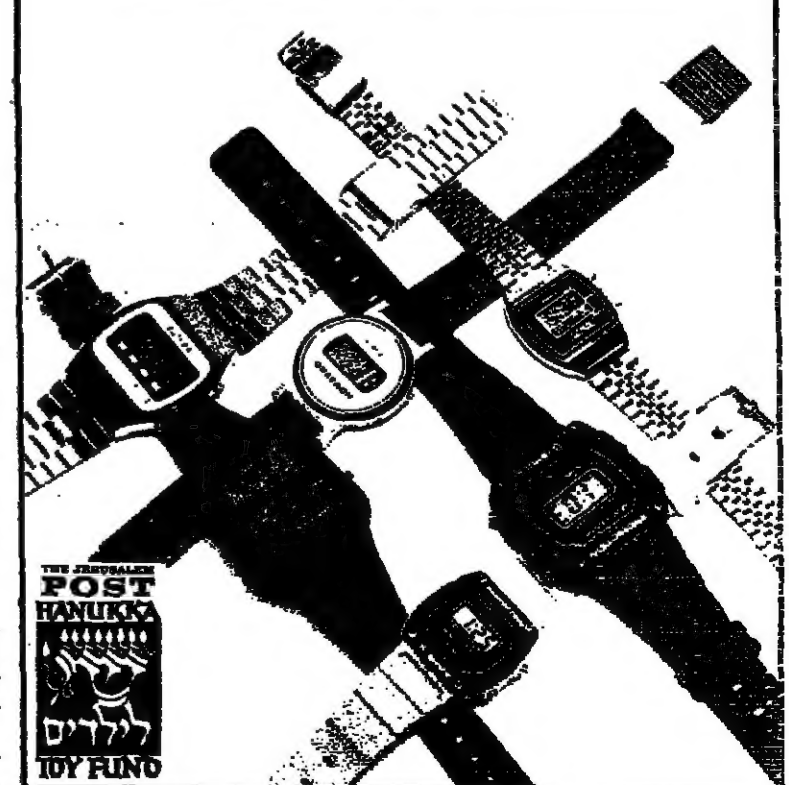
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SOCCER

English League beat the World

WEMBLEY (AP). — An English Football League team defeated an international all-star "Rest of the World" squad led by Argentine superstar Diego Maradona 3-0 yesterday in an exhibition soccer match, watched by an estimated one billion television spectators worldwide.

The match, featuring the cream of world soccer at one of the sport's most famous arenas, Wembley Stadium, was the highlight of celebrations marking the 100th birthday of the league. It was televised to 61 countries, including China and the Soviet Union.

Scorers for the Football League were Bryan Robson, the English National team captain, who netted after 23 and 88 minutes, and Irishman Norman Whiteside, one of Robson's Manchester United teammates, after 58 minutes.

An open, fluent game, that was richly endowed with sumptuous skills from some of the world's most stylish players, was marred by the persistent booing of Maradona by a section of the 61,000 crowd.

The crowd whistled and jeered the Argentine forward, captain of the star-studded "Rest of the World" squad, every time he touched the ball. Presumably they were reacting to Maradona's hand-assisted goal in the quarter-finals of the Mexico World Cup last year, when Argentina beat England 2-1.

Whether or not as a result of the booing, Maradona had a relatively quiet game. Occasionally, the mercurial Argentine split the League defence with accurate passes but he did not look 100 per cent fit and lacked his usual sharpness.

While Maradona played below his usual standard, there was a dazzling display from Frenchman Michel Platini, the former midfield star, who came out of retirement specially to play in the match.

Platini, 32, who had arrived late for his first ever appearance at Wembley, treated the crowd to the type of skills he displayed throughout a glittering career that earned him three successive European "Footballer of the Year" awards. He trained specially for the game, and received a tremendous reception when he was substituted after an hour. He dominated the midfield for the All-Star side.



MAESTRO. Michel Platini comes out of retirement to display all his pristine skills for the World against the English League.

"I only came back because it was Wembley. Normally, I would have stayed at home," he said ruling out making a comeback after his splendid performance.

"Sometimes I like to play a little with children, but I said 'no' to a comeback and that's final," he said. The game, which began five minutes late as each player was introduced individually to the crowd, lived up to expectations, with plenty of space for the teams to show off their skills.

Gary Lineker, the England marksman playing against many of his national team-mates, was the most dangerous striker on the field. Despite never having played together, the World team produced a telepathic understanding between the players.

But the League side, comprising

players with teams from the English First Division, displayed better teamwork, with Bryan Robson outstanding in the midfield and Liam Brady equally effective until he was substituted in the second half.

Robson's first goal was a firm header from Kenny Sansom's Centre. His second was a side-foot shot from close range, converting Whiteside's pass. Whiteside's goal, a swift left-foot shot, followed brilliant work by Brady, who held off the challenge of Brazilian fullback Josimar with great control before delivering a precise cross.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee 1, Aberdeen 1
Dunfermline 3, Hibernian 3
Hearts 4, Falkirk 2
Motherwell 2, St. Mirren 1
Rangers 1, Dundee United 1

BASEBALL

Giants are only happy at home

NEW YORK (AP). — After losing five out of six games on the road to their closest competition in the National League West, the San Francisco Giants are glad to be home.

With 35,801 fans watching at Candlestick Park, the Giants beat first-place Cincinnati 3-1 on Friday night as Kevin Mitchell hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and Mike Lacoss pitched a five-hitter.

"We're at home now, and that should be a big advantage," Mitchell said. "We can beat these teams that we lost to on the road. Down in Houston, the fans really got them (the Astros) going. That's what we need now."

The Giants were coming home after losing two of three to the Reds and three straight to the Astros. But Friday night's victory, combined with Houston's 7-1 loss at San Diego, pulled the Giants within a half-game of the Astros and four of the Reds.

Lacoss, 10-6, pitched his first complete game of the season as the Giants ended a four-game losing streak. The San Francisco right-hander walked three and struck out two.

The game was tied 1-1 when Eddie Milner opened the sixth with an infield single and stole second before Mitchell hit his 14th homer off Bill Guillard, 10-9, who now has allowed 32 homers this season.

The Reds scored their only run before Lacoss retired a batter. Kal Daniels walked to open the game, went to third on a single by Buddy Bell and scored as Eric Davis singled for his 84th run batted in. Will Clark hit his 22nd homer in the fourth to tie the score.

Mets 7, Cubs 1
Ron Darling pitched a four-hitter and struck out 11 as New York pulled within 3½ games of first-place St. Louis with its seventh consecutive victory.

Darling, 8-7, who won his fourth straight decision, took a three-hit shutout into the eighth. But Ryne Sandberg's 13th homer, his 1,000th career hit, accounted for Chicago's only run.

Kevin McReynolds had three hits, including a two-run double off Dick Sutcliffe, 15-5. Rafael Santana hit a solo homer in the sixth inning, his fifth of the season. And Gary Carter added a two-run homer in the eighth.

Phillies 15, Cardinals 5
Philadelphia equalled the scoring output of its previous six games with a 15-hit attack against five St. Louis pitchers, who forced home runs with two of their six walks.

Chris James hit a three-run homer in the first inning and finished with three hits and five RBI for the Phillies, who snapped a six-game losing streak. Mike Schmidt and Glenn Wilson added three RBI apiece for Philadelphia.

Shane Rawley, 14-5, worked seven innings, allowing 11 hits and four runs, for his sixth straight victory.

GOLF

PGA wide open

PALM BEACH GARDENS (AP). — Lanny Wadkins shares the lead with Ray Floyd after two rounds of the 69th PGA championship. But he doesn't see it as a two-man race.

"The game's still on for a lot of people," Wadkins said after he and Floyd shot their second consecutive 70 for a 4-under-par 140 total.

"That leader board is pretty strong," Wadkins said. "There are not any weak sisters up there."

Wadkins and Floyd held a 1-shot advantage over two players who haven't enjoyed much success on the PGA tour — Tim Simpson, a one-time winner in 11 years, and Jeff Sluman, still seeking his first triumph in his fifth season.

INALIK, Alaska (Reuters). — A 90.72 kilo woman swam from the United States to the Soviet Union on Friday, becoming the first person known to have swum across the frigid Bering Strait between Alaska and Siberia.

Lynne Cox, 30, who had already conquered the English Channel, swam from Alaska's Little Diomed Island to the Soviet Big Diomed Island across 27 miles of four-degrees centigrade sea.

The journey took her 2 hours and 12 minutes and she stepped ashore on Big Diomed at 1:02 p.m. to a big Soviet welcome.

Since the "forties the Soviet Union had forbidden the formerly frequent traffic between the two islands, but Moscow told Cox's Soviet officials would not only allow her to make the trip, but would help her. Soviet officials allowed an entourage of 15, including photographers, reporters, physicians and Cox's Indian companions from Inalik, to cross without visas.

Two skin boats carrying the party were met at the international date

One of the St. Louis pitchers was Jose Oquendo, who now has played every position except catcher this season.

Pirates 9, Expos 3
Pittsburgh used two four-run innings to subdue Montreal. Al Pedrique and Mike Lavalieri had three hits and knocked in two runs each for the Pirates, and Bob Walk won his first game since May 13.

Walk, 3-1, making his first start in a month, pitched six innings and allowed five hits, including home runs to Tim Lincecum and Andres Galarraga.

A single by Lavalieri, a double by Pedrique, a single by Walk and a triple by Barry Bonds knocked in runs against Bob Sebra, 6-12, in the second inning.

The Pirates clinched the victory in the eighth as Pedrique and Lavalieri knocked in runs with singles, and a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by Johnny Ray accounted for two more.

Padres 7, Astros 1
San Diego won for the fifth time in six games and snapped Houston's four-game winning streak as Stanley Jefferson and Tony Wynn hit consecutive triples in the first inning and Shane Mack hit a two-run double to highlight a five-run seventh.

Mike Scott, 12-8, wild-pitched Gwynn home in the first to give the Padres a 2-1 lead. That margin held until the seventh as the Astros stranded 10 runners in the first four innings and 16 for the game, tying a club record established in 1979.

Mark Davis, 6-4, earned the victory with three innings in relief of rookie left-hander Eric Nolas, who walked seven and couldn't make it through the fourth inning.

Braves 4, Dodgers 3
Gerald Perry and Andre Thomas homered for Atlanta in the fourth inning and Zane Smith beat Los Angeles with his fifth complete game.

Smith, 11-6, gave up eight hits, struck out four and walked four. One of the hits by the Dodgers was John Shelby's 16th homer, his fourth in four games, with one out in the seventh inning.

Perry snapped a 1-4 tie with a leadoff homer off Bob Welch, 10-7. In the fourth, after Ken Griffey struck out, Thomas also homered.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
The Toronto Blue Jays and New York Yankees are going in opposite directions and now are in different places.

Dave Stieb won his fifth straight decision and George Bell and Red McGriff homered Friday night as Toronto routed Cleveland 15-1 and took over first place in the American League East. The Blue Jays moved on ½ game ahead of New York, which stumbled 8-0 in Detroit.

Toronto has won five of its last six games, while New York has lost four of five. The Yankees have been outscored 20-5 in losing the first two of a four-game series at Tiger Stadium.

Stieb, 11-5, has not lost since June 28, the last day the Blue Jays had been in first place until Friday night. The Yankees had held the top spot since then.

Stieb gave up seven hits and walked no one in eight innings. He is 8-2 in his last 12 starts.

Toronto rapped 14 hits in Cleveland. McGriff led off the second inning with his 16th homer, sparking a four-run outburst against Darrel



YET ANOTHER. — Eric Davis makes it 84 runs batted in, (Reuters)

Okerfelds, 0-3. McGriff singled during a five-run fifth.

Bell hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Reggie Rittler.

Bell is tied with Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs with 95 runs batted in and his 34 home runs are the most ever for a player born in the Dominican Republic, one more than Pedro Guerrero had in 1985.

Tigers 8, Yankees 0
Rookie Jeff Robinson pitched a five-hitter as Detroit beat New York.

Dave Bergman hit a three-run homer and an RBI single and Jim Morrison, acquired earlier in the day in a trade with Pittsburgh, also homered.

Robinson, 8-5, struck out nine and walked none in his first major-league shutout. He gave up three singles in the first inning but escaped a bases-loaded jam and then allowed a pair of leadoff singles in the second before setting down.

Bergman's RBI single keyed a three-run second inning against Rick Rhoden, 14-7. Rhoden was roughed up for 10 hits and eight runs in 5½ innings.

Twins 9, Athletics 4
Joe Niekro, appealing his 10-day suspension, pitched eight innings and led Minnesota over Oakland. The last Twins increased their lead in the AL West to two games over the Athletics.

Niekro, 6-4, made his first start since being ejected from Monday night's game in California after umpires found on his hand and sandpaper in his back pocket.

Niekro, carrying only pictures of his children in his back pocket this time, took a three-hitter and 9-2 lead into the ninth but left after RBI singles by Mike Davis and Terry Steinbach.

The twins scored four runs in the first inning and knocked out Dennis Lamp, 1-4. The first of shortstop Alvaro Griffen's three errors allowed two runs to score. Kent Hrbek hit his 26th homer in the third.

Mariners 14, Angels 0
Ken Phelps hit two homers and Phil Bradley homered and drove in five runs, backing Mark Langston and leading Seattle to its second straight rout over California.

Phelps, who hit two doubles and a single in the Mariners' 15-4 victory over the visiting Angels on Thursday night, hit a three-run homer in the

second inning and a solo home run, his 17th, in the seventh. Bradley hit a three-run homer in the fourth and a two-run single in the sixth.

Langston, 12-9, pitched a seven-hitter and struck out 11, raising his major-league-leading total to 182. He had his second shutout and his 10th complete game.

The Mariners set team records for the largest shutout victory and most runs in two consecutive games.

Kirk McCaskill, 3-4, was tagged for nine runs on seven hits in five innings.

Red Sox 4, Royals 3
Marty Barrett drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a two-run rally as Boston beat Kansas City.

The Red Sox got four walks in the ninth from Charlie Leibrandt, 1-9, and John Davis. Dwight Evans hit a double and John Menees had a game-tying sacrifice fly before Davis walked Mike Greenwell and Barrett.

Jeff Sellers, 4-4, pitched a seven-hitter for his second complete game.

James Olek's two-run double in the seventh put the visiting Royals ahead 3-2. Frank White homered for Kansas City.

Orioles 9, Rangers 2
Larry Sheets hit a pair of two-run homers and Cal Ripken Jr. connected for a three-run shot and Ken Dismore combined with Mark Williamson on a three-hitter as host Baltimore defeated Texas. Sheets and Ripken homered in the first inning for a 5-0 lead against Paul Kilgus, 1-4.

Sheets hit his 20th homer in the seventh.

Dixon, 5-8, retired the first 17 batters. He pitched nine innings and gave up three hits, including Robin Skeris' 21st home run.

Rangers reliever Steve Howe made his first major-league appearance since September 10, 1985. Howe went two innings and gave up one hit. He threw 29 pitches, 15 for strikes.

Braves 7, White Sox 4
Greg Brock, Steve Kistler and Ernest Riles hit run-scoring singles in the 10th inning as Milwaukee won at Chicago.

Rob Deer hit two solo homers for the Braves. Riles' fourth homer tied the score 4-4 in the eighth.

Mike Fisher opened the 10th with a single off Bobby Thigpen, 3-3, stole second and scored on Brock's one-out single off Ray Seaver.

Mark Clear, 6-5, got the victory and Dan Plesac pitched his 21st save.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	65	44	.596	—
New York	65	45	.591	½
Detroit	56	54	.505	1½
Minnesota	56	51	.523	2
Boston	51	57	.472	7½
Seattle	48	60	.440	10
Cleveland	37	69	.347	21

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	59	52	.532	—
Chicago	56	53	.514	½
California	54	54	.500	1
Kansas City	53	55	.491	1½
Seattle	53	56	.486	2
Texas	51	56	.477	3
Chicago	43	63	.406	13½

Friday's Games: Boston 4, Kansas City 3; Toronto 15, Cleveland 1; Detroit 8, New York 9; Milwaukee 7, Chicago 4, 10 innings; Baltimore 9, Texas 2; Minnesota 9, Oakland 4; Seattle 14, California 6.

Thursday's Games: Milwaukee 11, Baltimore 8; Cleveland 14, Toronto 5; Detroit 12, New York 5; Minnesota 9, Oakland 4; Seattle 15, California 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	66	42	.611	—
New York	63	44	.589	½
Montreal	61	47	.565	1
Chicago	55	54	.505	1½
Philadelphia	54	54	.500	2
Pittsburgh	48	61	.440	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	58	51	.530	—
Houston	54	54	.500	½
San Francisco	54	55	.495	1
Atlanta	54	44	.556	½
Los Angeles	48	60	.444	6½
San Diego	42	67	.385	16

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He breaks the rules — and the records

ATHLETICS

He breaks the rules — and the records

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Patrik Sjoeborg smokes 20 cigarettes a day, enjoys night clubs, and drives a Porsche. He sees himself not only as an athlete, the world high jump record holder, but also as a professional entertainer.

The Swede, whose 2.42m. world record leap at the Stockholm Grand Prix on June 30, has made him the favourite to win the world title in Rome, is hardly the traditional modest, clean-living amateur athlete.

"The audience wants something more than plain boring athletics. They appreciate showmanship and they should have it," he says.

Sjoeborg, 22, whose well-proportioned, 1.99m. frame is topped by Nordic good looks and a mane of long blond hair, supplies just that.

In Stockholm, a capacity crowd remained glued to their seats long after the track programme had finished in the hope of seeing a Swede break the world high jump record for the first time.

On his third and final attempt, Sjoeborg did not let them down, despite an outfield saturated by a day of heavy rain.

In return, Sjoeborg is one of the highest-paid field athletes in the world, collecting up to \$15,000 an appearance for an estimated income of \$300,000 including sponsorship contracts.

He epitomises the new breed of athletes who have emerged in the past few years since big money entered athletics. He sees high-jumping as his profession, and a deservedly well-paid one at that, and scoffs at critics who still cherish the amateur ideal.

"High-jumping is just as physically exhausting as any other job. But some people seem to think it is shady to earn money my way. I have only a few active years and the name of the game is to make as much money as possible during that time," he says.

Sjoeborg works hard at his profession, with up to four hours of training a day.

He is also a taboo-breaker, smoking one of his daily 20 cigarettes at a news conference, celebrating the world record with champagne at a night club into the small hours, and flaunting his success with luxury cars

and gold jewellery.

"I've got to get a different car. There are just too many Porsches in town," he told one interviewer.

He sees no reason to cast himself as the exemplary sportsman. "I'm like any other normal human being. And I don't care what people say about my way of life," he says.

Sjoeborg's troubled childhood in the West Coast city of Gothenburg holds the key to understanding what makes him tick.

His parents were divorced when he was three, he started smoking at six, and in his early teens he was drifting into a world of shoplifting and petty crime.

Finn Viljo Nousiainen, who eventually became both his trainer and stepfather, spotted Sjoeborg's potential for the high jump and gradually replaced delinquency with athletics as the focus of his stepson's life.

"I earned some self-respect," Sjoeborg explains.

He was always a wonderchild at high jumping, leaping 2.21m. at the age of 16, 2.33 at 18, and 2.38 at 20.

He took the silver medal behind West Germany's Dietmar Moegenburg at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and this year set a world indoor best of 2.41m. in Athens.

His indoor record revealed much about both his attitude and his potential. Against Nousiainen's orders, he had the bar raised to 2.41 clearing it easily.

Immediately he said he wanted to become the first person to break the eight-foot barrier — 2.44m. — and Nousiainen agreed that his protégé clearly had the potential.

"Technically, it was truly poor," Nousiainen said of the 2.41 clearance.

Sjoeborg's less-than-perfect technique has been noted by his West German friend and rival, Carlo Thraenhart.

"He is the best, quite simply, and the favourite to win the World Championship gold," Thraenhart said. "I am afraid Patrik can jump much higher than this — certainly 2.45 at the moment," he said.

Rome will show if Sjoeborg has the mental strength to cap his career with a major outdoor title.

TENNIS

Lendl-McEnroe shootout due

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STRATTON MOUNTAIN. — Israel's Amos Mansdorf put up some spirited resistance to America's Brad Gilbert, but was knocked out of the 3rd round 6-4, 6-4.

Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe moved nearer a showdown in today's final of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here.

Lendl, defending champion, beat unseeded American Kelly Jones 6-3, 6-1 in Friday's quarter-finals and McEnroe, seeded fourth, conceded just one more game to Brad Gilbert. The seeded sixth, Gilbert knocked McEnroe out in the first round of the Masters last year and precipitated McEnroe's seven month rest from tennis.

The Czech world champion, building up to a defence of his United States Open title in three weeks' time, plays Andre Agassi, the 17-year-old from Las Vegas, who earlier shocked Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia in mid-week, in Saturday's semi-finals.

Agassi blasted past fellow-American Joey Rive, who came through the qualifying tournament, 6-4, 6-2. Agassi made his name in



COME OUT FIGHTING. John McEnroe still does not love Ivan Lendl.

this tournament last year when he reached the quarter-finals before losing to McEnroe.

The former world number one plays Christo Van Rensburg, the 15th seed, who beat fellow-South African Danie Visser 6-2, 6-3.

It's an open secret that there's still no love lost between McEnroe and Lendl.

Lendl is seeking U.S. citizenship and has expressed interest in playing on the U.S. Davis Cup team. That prospect did not entice McEnroe.

"That would be difficult for me to swallow at this point," McEnroe said when asked whether he would like to play on the same side as Lendl, his arch-rival for the No. 1 ranking in tennis during the mid-1980s.

Lendl fired back: "With his mouth, it's hard to imagine him having difficulty swallowing anything."

Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia and Emilio Sanchez of Spain, the top two seeds, will contest the Kitzbuehel Grand Prix tennis final after easy victories in the semi-finals yesterday.

Mecir, ranked fifth in the world, took just one hour to trounce unseeded Australian Darren Cahill 6-1, 6-2 but generously said afterwards: "Sometimes it looks easier than it really is."

Sanchez beat unseeded Tore Meinecke 6-2, 6-2 in a repeat of his win at Kitzbuehel last year over the West German.

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It's called momentum

THE Knesset is now in recess, so all attempts by Mr. Peres and the Labour Party to force new elections or use the threat of such elections as a lever to move Prime Minister Shamir from his absolute negotiation of an international conference will be in recess as well.

Responding to this, for him, pleasing circumstance, Mr. Shamir has pronounced the conference proposal as effectively dead.

If that is indeed the case, it is puzzling why just at this juncture, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz should have elected to despatch one of his aides to Jerusalem for talks with Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres. On the face of it there could only be two reasons: either his mission is to determine whether Mr. Shamir might still be given to some compromise or to open discussion on an alternative to the peace conference concept.

The prime minister has been pressing for the latter avenue. However, his suggestion to convene Jordan, Egypt and Israel for direct talks under a purely American, rather than broader international canopy, has so far been rejected by all the other parties. There is, therefore, no tangible reason to suppose that Mr. Shultz, through his special emissary, will now wish to jettison the international conference idea and commit the U.S. to support of Mr. Shamir's proposal.

If that is indeed the case, the emissary, Charles Hill, will be left to rehearse the old arguments which Mr. Shamir has so steadfastly rejected, and to hear in turn Mr. Shamir's old arguments which everyone else has rejected.

In the parlance of diplomacy, this is called "maintaining the momentum." Where in other departments of life, momentum usually refers to real movement, in diplomacy it can refer to its opposite; namely confirming the absence of motion by pretending there is movement.

Such pretence is considered to have its own virtue. Though all parties know that nothing is happening or can happen, they pretend otherwise. But since they all know it is only pretence, whom are they pretending for? That always remains a mystery.

Yet it is a very hot summer, and any diversion, especially one carrying the panache of personal emissary of the U.S. Secretary of State bears with it relief.

Of course, it might have been more useful had Mr. Shultz resorted to such an element of drama, say three or four months ago. Then a more active assertion of the U.S. view on the peace conference and the prospects it offers for genuine direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan might have sustained what at the time appeared to be real momentum. But then he was reluctant.

Deciding not to station himself between the conflicting positions of Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres, Mr. Shultz, by default, weighed in on behalf of the premier. In the process he helped stymie the considerable achievements which his own diplomats in the region had recorded on behalf of the peace process.

His reluctance to mix in was perhaps understandable. It is, after all, difficult for any Secretary of State to pursue diplomacy with a country that has two governments pulling in opposite directions. Yet it is also the case that there can be no real neutrality in such a circumstance, that neutrality itself has consequences.

Perhaps, Mr. Shultz believes it is not yet too late—that there is still time for the life of his administration and for the life of the present Israeli government for the U.S. to assert its position and achieve something by that.

But it will require more than an emissary to persuade the Israeli citizenry that there is indeed motion in the momentum.

U.S. SHIPS

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Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) practised mine-laying, firing long-range shore-to-ship missiles and tested pilotless drones and boats packed with explosives during exercises this week.

The exercises, codenamed Martyrdom, ended on Friday. The radio said IRGC speedboats shadowed the first U.S. convoy to Kuwait last

month. U.S. officials say Iran laid a mine which holed one of the tankers, the Bridgeton, while Teheran said it was the work of "invisible hands." The allied powers in control of West Berlin—the U.S., Britain and France—have jointly ordered the expulsion of several Iranian nationals, including employees of the Iranian consulate general, a U.S. spokesman said in Berlin yesterday.

SHAMIR, PERES

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"assurances" concerning the nature and composition of the proposed international conference. Peres has repeatedly declared over the past few days that the U.S. is willing to provide Israel with a "written guarantee" or understanding concerning the nature, composition and development of the conference.

Such a guarantee would cover a joint U.S.-Israel stand on the conditions for Soviet participation (increased aliyah and Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations); on the role of the conference (a ceremonial opening and avenue to direct Israeli-Arab talks); on the role of the five permanent members of the Security Council at the conference (no powers to impose solutions or veto agreements reached by the Middle Eastern parties); and on the conditions for participation in the conference of the Arab parties (acceptance of UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and the renunciation of terrorism).

Assurances of this nature could include an American commitment to a walk-out along with Israel from the conference should these conditions remain unfulfilled or be violated.

Foreign Ministry officials believe that Shultz may have armed Hill with a package of such assurances and with some ancillary "offerings" which, taken together, could conceivably help to break down Shamir's rejection of the international conference framework.

Hill is scheduled to meet with Shamir tomorrow and with Peres on Tuesday.

VANUNU

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The Times states today that in kidnapping Vanunu, "the Israelis clearly broke international law. Italian law and possibly British law as well. A conspiracy to kidnap him plainly began in this country. This new evidence makes the assurances given by the Israeli government to Britain last November seem less reliable than has been claimed."

Israel had stated that Vanunu left Britain of his own volition and that his departure involved no violation of British law.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said last night that police would examine any new evidence relating to any offences committed in the course of Vanunu's departure.

According to Meir Vanunu, Mordechai woke up after his abduction in chains and lying in a windowless cabin aboard ship.

Meir's testimony continued as follows: "Vanunu did not arrive in Israel until October 7, one week after the abduction. He was taken off the ship at dawn tied to a stretcher and then thrown into a cell with no light and just a mattress on the floor where he was kept for the next two days."

It was only at his first interrogation session in Israel that Vanunu learned that his story had indeed appeared in *The Sunday Times* of October 5. "See what you've done," the interrogating officer said, showing Vanunu the front-page headline, "Revealed: The secrets of Israel's nuclear arsenal."

This version of events has been passed to Italian judge Dr. Domenico Sicci investigating Vanunu's departure from Italy, according to *The Sunday Times*.

THE MINE which blew a hole in the bows of the reflagged tanker Bridgeton while it was being escorted by the U.S. Navy to Kuwait was of an obsolete type known as MO8 made in Russia and later sold to North Korea.

Four years ago North Korea sold 200 to Iran, for around \$600 each, and the Americans cannot have been unaware of the hazard they presented, since five ships, including a Soviet tanker, have recently been disabled by them.

A dozen identical mines, all moored in the tanker channel south of Kuwait, had been recovered last month by a team of U.S., Saudi and Kuwaiti frogmen in sweeps to prepare the Kuwaiti approaches for the convoys.

The mines are of a basic spherical type with spikes, which are moored below the surface on a wire fixed in the sea bed. They detonate when struck by a ship's hull.

Yet none of the sophisticated sensing devices on 15 U.S. warships of the U.S. Gulf patrol are capable of locating such mines. "These vessels are for tracking submarines or shooting down military jets at 200 miles away, not for mine-detecting," said an official of the independent Washington-based Centre for Defence Information. "Specialist military articles don't deal with these types of mine. They're not really worth much attention."

The 600-ship U.S. navy has only

U.S. goes it alone in the Gulf

Ian Mather/London

four mine-sweepers, since U.S. coastal waters are deep and unsuitable for mines and the U.S. does not consider its ports under threat.

MINE-LAYING in Nato is primarily the responsibility of the European allies. But last week the U.S. failed to persuade any of these allies to send any of its mine-sweepers to help out in the Gulf.

Britain, which has 43 minehunters, refused point-blank. David Mellor, minister of state at the Foreign Office, said: "We have taken the common sense position. It would take several weeks for the mine-sweepers to get there, and you cannot put mine-sweepers into an area without giving them cover. All of this

would add to the naval hardware in the Gulf and would be seen to be provocative."

West Germany told the U.S. it was prevented by its constitution from sending warships outside the Nato area, so also refused to lend any of its 57 minehunters. The Netherlands with 20 also refused. The Dutch said its minehunters could be sent only as part of a United Nations peacekeeping force.

The British snub was particularly pointed because U.S. Ambassador Charles Price had been privately informed that if he made a public request, the British refusal would also be made public.

What is also particularly galling to the Americans is that Kuwait, which

is protecting, has refused to be dragged further into the dispute by allowing even limited facilities on shore for U.S. minesweeping helicopters. Saudi Arabia too has refused to allow its minesweepers to be used as part of the convoys.

Last week the Pentagon announced that it was sending eight Sea Stallion minehunting helicopters to the Gulf, but because they too will not be allowed facilities on land they will have to be based on the helicopter carrier Guadalcanal.

THE NATO allies' doubts over the wisdom of the American plan to protect Kuwaiti ships by reflagging them with the Stars and Stripes are based on the known hazards of such an operation in the face of Iranian ingenuity in warfare.

The channels on the western side of the Gulf along which ships journeying to Kuwait must travel are narrower and shallower than those on the Iranian side, allowing little room for maneuver for large vessels. These channels are ideal for the small naval element of the Revolutionary Guards with its recently acquired small Swedish speedboats. From their bases in islands south of Kharg, they have been able to launch lightning attacks on Gulf shipping using machine-guns and grenade launchers.

They are also able to "seed" mines quickly in the path of advancing tankers, such as the Bridgeton, using

the shipping buoys which mark the channels. The result was that the Bridgeton which has separate watertight compartments and is therefore unsinkable had to turn itself into a minesweeper and lead the way through the minefield for the vulnerable warships.

The Iranian mining campaign was only the latest in a line of innovative techniques used by Iran in the tanker war. In the past the Iranians have switched from daytime attacks by rocket-carrying helicopters to attacks by warships with Sea Killer missiles, then to night-time helicopter attacks.

In addition to the Swedish Boghammar boats, they have even been using Zodiac inflatables with small outboard motors, which are virtually undetectable. It is also assumed the Iranians have access to more sophisticated mines detonated by pressure.

Last week the General Council of British Shipping sent out a notice to its members warning that there was a substantial danger from mines in the northern Gulf especially in the vicinity of buoys which were being used as markers, and advising large tankers to leave with only partial loads to reduce their draft.

Already some members of the U.S. administration are beginning to think about how to get out of what is supposed to be an indefinite commitment, which the U.S. cannot fulfill. (London Observer Service.)

READERS' LETTERS

DISARMING THE DEMOGRAPHIC BOMB

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with interest Susan Harris Rolet's article of July 8 concerning Rehavam Ze'evi's proposal for a "voluntary transfer" of the Arab population of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, especially her assertion that the Arab inhabitants do not want to emigrate.

Whoever Ms. Rolet's friends are, they are not a sufficient cross-section of the population for her to assert that "they aren't going anywhere voluntarily." Perhaps her friends and acquaintances are not. But I know that many want to emigrate, and that they do so. I know this both from facts publicly available and from personal observation as a lawyer advising and assisting intending emigrants to the U.S. both in Los Angeles and here in Israel.

In 1980, when I was moved to look up the figures, there were 100,000 more departures than returns to Judea and Samaria. The U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem turns down 90 per cent of the requests for tourist visas from Arabs in their 20's because they fear they will stay illegally as many before them have done. Venezuela has closed its doors because of alarm over the numbers of Palestinian Arabs who have been received there.

Many Arabs have nowhere to go. Their preference is to go to the United States, Canada or Australia, which are difficult to enter. A great many, I do not know how many, have gone to Latin America. But that is also

problematic, for many reasons. The real problem is that the Arab countries will not resettle them and also exert diplomatic pressure to prevent other countries from doing so.

Therefore, King Hussein, while retreating from Judea and Samaria in 1967, urged the population to stay, knowing that only the presence of a large Arab population could ensure the return of the area to Arab rule. Jordan gives Arabs in Judea and Samaria unemployment compensation; mortgages to build houses on terms the Jewish Agency cannot compete with, loans for planting orchards and vineyards and subsidies for their businesses, but only if they stay in Judea or Samaria. If they cross the Jordan to the East Bank, they receive nothing and cannot even work unless they first obtain a work permit like any foreigner, even though they are Jordanian citizens.

That is also why Egypt, true to the same policy, insisted on dividing the city of Rafiah and returning all Palestinian Arabs in Sinai to Israeli rule, which is irrational under any other premises.

Even if only in the interest of the Palestinian Arabs who want to emigrate, it should be the policy of the Israeli government to assist them in finding somewhere to go.

That it would serve to disarm the "demographic bomb" in the process should only be further incentive for Israel. JACK GOLBERT
Jerusalem.

THE MAGARIKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your report of July 21 about my demonstration on top of the Soviet consular delegation automobile alleges that when taken before the judge for demonstrating a week earlier, I promised not to demonstrate against the Soviets anymore. This is not correct; I could never do such a thing.

My son, Alexei Magarik, a musician and an unofficial Hebrew teacher, was taken from his wife and six-month-old son, and his career was ruined, not because he committed some crime (which he did not), but because the Soviet authorities wanted to show the West, primarily Israel, how adamant they were on the subject of Jewish emigration. Consequently, Alexei has suffered beatings and the cold of an isolation cell, inhaled fibreglass dust at the camp mill, and spent five terms in

an isolation cell. Unlike the Soviet regime, I do not have armed guards, minions and henchmen at my disposal to protect my family and my beliefs. But what is most disconcerting is that I cannot trust the Israeli government. My own government seems unable to protect the rights of my family (Alexei and his wife, Natalis). Rather, are Israeli citizens, as resolutely as my son himself acted during the investigation and later in the camp.

Therefore, demonstrations are my main weapon of self-defence. If the Shamir-Peres government does not soon recognize this problem as its own, it is my duty, both as a father and a citizen of this country, to draw our leaders' attention to it as often as their inability to perceive moral obligations should require. VLADIMIR MAGARIK
Jerusalem.

UNJUST CRITICISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In Meir Ronnen's review of the Bezalet Academy's annual exhibition (July 17), his harsh criticism of the catamaran design is highly unjust, displaying at the same time his ignorance of seamanship.

The windsurfer boom which was incorporated into the design of this catamaran is a feature now widely adapted to ruddered sailing craft, and exists on large yachts as well as on smaller sailing craft. It is therefore most certainly not "an unnecessary hindrance"; quite the contrary. Catamarans are cumbersome to transport because of their vast width, hence the folding design, enabling it to be transported on the roof of an average-size car, and the presence of attached wheels incorporated into the design, for ease of towing to and from the water.

As for doubting that the "inventor... has ever been to sea," the designer happens to be a very experienced sailor, well acquainted with practical sailing, having successfully participated in many sailing championships in this country and abroad.

PENFRIENDS

BOLESŁAW FIUTOWSKI of Skrytka pocztowa 281, 37-500 Jarosław, Poland, would like to correspond with Israelis in German, Polish or English.

ROBERTO BARBOSA E SILVA of Prac. Ferreira de Araujo 14, 55515 Amaraji, Pernambuco, Brazil, is a teacher who would like to correspond with Israelis in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese. In order to exchange stamps, music cassettes and information about their respective countries.

U.S. 50 STATES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — While we applaud and join with Sidney Cohen in his goal of achieving "Peace in the Middle East" (Readers' Letters, July 27), we wonder what sort of timetable he has in mind when he suggests that the United States make Israel its 53rd state. Would that action be predicated on the Union first finding itself a 51st and 52nd member? And, by the way, can Mr. Cohen remind us of when it was that Puerto Rico achieved statehood?

Mr. Cohen's strange letter served to inspire an informal survey at our office. Interestingly, only two out of 34 Israelis polled were able to tell us the correct number of states in the Union. Most respondents were asked first if we wanted them to count Israel, and even after we said no, answers still ranged from 51 to 55. A large number of our colleagues argued with disbelief when told the correct answer (50), and said that they had been taught thus in school. Among those who answered incorrectly was a summer volunteer who is currently an undergraduate at a leading Ivy League university. DAVID GREEN
DOV ADLER
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Sidney Cohen of Palm Beach, Florida has made a most wonderful suggestion in his letter of July 27.

Can you imagine, no more irritating applications to the American consulate for a visa to visit the other states in the union. No more worries about whether we can get a green card or not. No more problems with American Arabs. No more problems with Black Hebrews. No more stern tickings off by the American (our!) ambassador. New York, Los Angeles, Palm Beach, here we come! CYRIL ATKINS
Jerusalem.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On July 9, you published an article titled "A royal funeral for Jerusalem?" in which you suggested that the White Russian Church in Jerusalem "owns the St. Mary Magdalene Church" in Jerusalem.

My clients, the Orthodox Palestine Society Holyland Section, which was founded in Russia in 1882 for scientific and philanthropic purposes, headed presently by Ms. Wahbe, owns the church referred to above.

The negotiations with the royal family in Britain pertaining to the funeral will have to be taken care of between the OPS Council and the royal family. The White Russian Church, from the formal and legal point of view, is unrelated to this matter. A. SHIBOLETH
Advocate
Tel Aviv.

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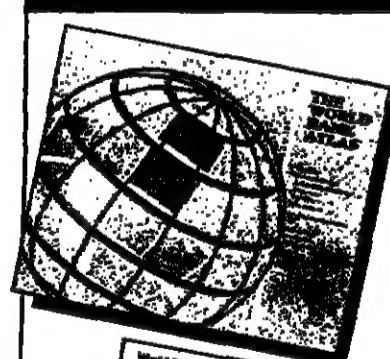
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